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# Contractor License Revocations

*Contract irregularities, abandonment, retention of funds top list of violations*

**RICHMOND** – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 25 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, June 7. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov) under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

### **RAO CONTRACTING LLC NORFOLK, VA**

File Number 2005-02200

COMPLAINANT – Barbara Valmeo (Portsmouth and Suffolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – RAO Contracting practiced outside its class of license; failed to comply with local building requirements and violated the building code; abandoned the projects; failed to comply with the terms of the contract; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting; acted as ostensible licensee for another; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705083804 and a \$17,450 fine.

### **JEFFREY D. PERSONS & EDWARD A. KELLY t/a FIRST CLASS CONTRACTING CHESAPEAKE, VA**

File Number 2004-05156

COMPLAINANT – Patricia Norton (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – First Class failed to apply for a new license upon a change in business entity; failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions in the contract; practiced outside its class and specialty of license; violated the building code and failed to abate code violations; engaged in misrepresentation; and engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705071640 and a \$8,250 fine.

### **PATRICIA J. SWETNAM trading as MY DAD'S FENCING HAMPTON, VA**

File Number 2005-00554

COMPLAINANT – John Grimaldi (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Swetnam failed to apply for a new license upon a change in business entity;

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failed to operate in the name in which her license was issued; failed to notify the Board of a change of address; failed to execute fully a written contract with all required provisions; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to complete work for which she contracted; and engaged in misconduct in the practice of contracting.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705071886 and a \$4,550 fine.

**S W DAY CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION  
CHESAPEAKE, VA**

File Number 2005-02242

COMPLAINANT – Branyel Thomas and Bryan Sneed (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Day failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2701036131 and a \$4,500 fine.

**AQUATIC DYNAMICS INC.  
MT. SINAI, NY**

File Number 2005-00414

COMPLAINANT – Robert, James and Annette Harvey (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Aquatic Dynamics failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; failed to complete work; misapplied funds related to uncompleted contract items; and provided false or misleading information to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080964 and a \$10,250 fine.

File Number 2005-01943

COMPLAINANT – Sandy and Robert Hunt (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Aquatic Dynamics failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly; failed to complete work for which it contracted; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705080964 and a \$8,750 fine.

**GUY D. BRAND trading as BRAND'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS  
RICHMOND, VA**

File Number 2004-04233

COMPLAINANT – Annie Harrington (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Brand failed to include all required provisions in the written contract and engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705022461 and a \$1,500 fine.

**PAUL NEUSS  
MIDLOTHIAN, VA**

File Number 2004-04312

COMPLAINANT – James Keck (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Neuss failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items;

and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072900 and a \$8,000 fine.

**MICHAEL KERSEY  
CHESTERFIELD, VA**

File Number 2004-01107

COMPLAINANT – Nancy and Frederick Howland (Chesterfield, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Kersey failed to operate in the name in which his license was issued; practiced outside his class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; and abandoned the project.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070444 and a \$1,950 fine.

**COUNTRY AND LAKE HOMES AND LAND INC.  
BUMPASS, VA**

File Number 2004-05161

COMPLAINANT – Herbert Taylor (Bumpass, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Country and Lake failed to abate building code violations and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074635 and a \$5,000 fine.

File Number 2005-02684

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Board for Contractors

VIOLATIONS – Country and Lake violated §54.1-1110 of the *Code of Virginia* through its substantial identity of interest with a contractor whose license was revoked.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074635 and a \$5,000 fine.

**ARTHUR LAMB trading as AWESOME CREATIONS  
MECHANICSVILLE, VA**

File Number 2004-05029

COMPLAINANT – Joe Dance (King William, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Lamb failed to use a written contract; abandoned the project; engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705082639 and a \$4,500 fine.

**DARYL DWAYNE SIGMON trading as A CUT ABOVE BUILDING & REMODELING  
MONTROSS, VA**

File Number 2005-00294

COMPLAINANT – Jarel Kelsey (King George, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Sigmon failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070509 and a \$4,700 fine.

**CAPITOL ASPHALT PAVING INC.  
STAFFORD, VA**

File Number 2004-04787

COMPLAINANT – Kathy and Barry Dickinson (Spotsylvania, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Capitol failed to use a written contract; failed to honor the terms of a warranty; refused to produce requested documents and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705043658 and a \$3,900 fine.

File Number 2004-05148

COMPLAINANT – Dorothy and Thomas Wine (Spotsylvania, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Capitol failed to use a written contract; failed to honor the terms of a warranty; refused to produce requested documents and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705043658 and a \$3,200 fine.

**YOUR STYLE DECKS INC.**

**WOODBIDGE, VA**

File Number 2005-01796

COMPLAINANT – John Jenifer (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Your Style Decks practiced outside its class of license; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705082087 and a \$8,750 fine.

File Number 2005-02542

COMPLAINANT – James Burch (Woodbridge, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Your Style Decks practiced outside its class of license; failed to use a written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705082087 and a \$8,750 fine.

**CONCREATE DESIGNS LLC**

**CHANTILLY, VA**

File Number 2005-00809

COMPLAINANT – John Kuzin (Fairfax, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Concreate failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705076198 and a \$4,500 fine.

**ANDREW PAUL STEPHENSON**

**ASHBURN, VA**

File Number 2005-00138

COMPLAINANT – Vanessa Blake (Leesburg, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Stephenson failed to execute fully a written contract and to include all required provisions; practiced outside his class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705075448 and a \$6,950 fine.

**RANDY E. LANGFORD trading as VALLEY VIEW RENOVATIONS**

**EDINBURG, VA**

File Number 2005-01081

COMPLAINANT – Donna and Alphonse Meliso (Winchester, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Langford failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074723 and a \$9,500 fine.

**JKP PLUMBING INC.**

**MIDDLETOWN, VA**

File Number 2005-00224

COMPLAINANT – Peggy Stewart (Stephens City, VA)

VIOLATIONS – JKP Plumbing failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to satisfy a court judgment; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705042515 and a \$8,100 fine.

**JOHN BEATTY trading as BEATTY CONSTRUCTION**

**LYNCHBURG, VA**

File Number 2005-00043

COMPLAINANT – Vaughnie Hailey (Hurt, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Beatty failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly; abandoned the project; and failed to complete work for which he contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705021451 and a \$6,250 fine.

**LAWRENCE D. WELCH trading as WINDOW PRO**

**CONCORD, VA**

File Number 2004-04777

COMPLAINANT – Lynn McBride (Madison Heights, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Welch failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in negligence or incompetence by performing work improperly; and failed to honor the terms of a warranty.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705071973 and a \$3,000 fine.

**HELEN D. GOVEA trading as SILVER BULLET CARPORTS  
MOUNT AIRY, NC**

File Number 2004-04543

COMPLAINANT – Faye Rowland (Gretna, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Govea failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; violated the building code; failed to comply with the terms of the contract; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705065834 and a \$4,000 fine.

**WILLIAM KENNETH EXHEM trading as EXHEM CONTRACTORS  
RINGGOLD, VA**

File Number 2005-00329

COMPLAINANT – Malcolm Lewis Plumbing and Heating Inc. (Danville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Exhem failed to satisfy a court judgment and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705081279 and a \$3,000 fine.

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**About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:**

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies nearly 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 95,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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